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SUBJ: LASH BARGE BACKLOG, PRUDENTIAL LINES

REF: ALEXANDRIA 0388

1. AMBASSADOR AND EMBOFF MET WITH FATHI IBRAHIM JULY 9 TO DISCUSS QUESTION RAISED REFTEL. IBRAHIM, A FRIEND OF PRUDENTIAL OWNER SPIRO SKOURAS, JR., IS MIDDLE EASTERN REGIONAL PRUDENTIAL LINES REPRESENTATIVE AND FAIRLY RECENTLY RETURNED TO EGYPT TO ESTABLISH CAIRO OFFICE. HE TOLD US HE HAD NOT BEEN IN TOUCH WITH CONGEN ALEXANDRIA AND HE DID NOT SEEM AWARE THAT THERE IS ANY SPECIAL OFFLOADING PROBLEM, BUT SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO MATTER. PRUDENTIAL IS APPOINTING AN ON-THE-SPOT AGENT, AN AMERICAN CITIZEN SEA CAPTAIN FROM COMPANY OFFICE AT GENOA, TO OVERSEE OPERATIONS.

2. PROBLEM IN GENERAL , ACCORDING TO IBRAHIM, IS THAT LASH-TYPE SHIPPING WAS INITIATED AT ALEXANDRIA ONLY IN JUNE 1975; PORT AUTHORITIES AND PUBLIC SECTOR OPERATIONS AGENTS (THOSE WHO ACTUALLY MOVE CARGO) WERE NOT FAMILIARY WITH LASH REQUIREMENTS. HE SAID PROBLEMS IS SETTLING OUT AND ALEXANDRIA
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CARGO PICTURE IS IMPROVING.

3. IBRAHIM ALSO RAISED QUESTION OF PRUDENTIAL'S
ONGOING EFFORTS TO TRANSFER SOME \$2 MILLION IN FOREIGN
EXCHANGE, CITING DELAYS BY GOE. AMBASSADOR INDICATED
EMBASSY AWARENESS OF GENERAL PROBLEM AND FACT THAT
WE HAD SEVERAL TIMES DISCUSSED IT WITH GOE IN BEHALF
OF ALL AFFECTED AMERICAN FIRMS. AMBASSADOR NOTED
THAT GOE IS WELL AWARE OF OUR POSITION ON THIS
MATTER AND SUGGESTED IBRAHIM'S OWN INITIATIVES ARE
MOST LIKELY TO BRING RESULTS.
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